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Applicants: Eric James Converse et al.

Application No. 10/633,779

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Title: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER CONTROLLER HAVING  
ADJUSTABLE SLEW RATE LIMITER

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Examiner: Deandra M. Hughes

Docket No.: D2780 Con

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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**REMARKS**

Claims 7-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 were canceled in the Amendment filed August 18, 2004. Claims 7 and 15 are independent claims. The Examiner's indication of the Allowability of Claims 7-25 is appreciated.

**Obviousness-type Double Patenting**

Claims 1-25 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of US Patent 6,611,374.

In order to overcome this rejection, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) was filed with the Amendment filed on August 18, 2004. Per the Examiner's comments on page 2 of the Office Action mailed 11/02/04, the Terminal Disclaimer inadvertently referred to an incorrect prior patent number. Accordingly, a corrected Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that all pending claims are patentable over the cited references and that the application is in condition for allowance.

If a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney.

**FEES**

The Terminal Disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) of \$110 was charged to the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account #50-1047 on September 2, 2004 (see enclosed copy of PTO Deposit Account statement). It is believed therefore that no additional fees are due. If any additional fees are due as a result of this Response, the

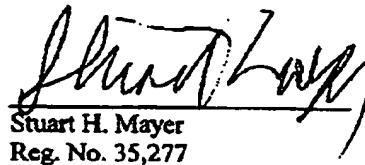
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undersigned attorney authorizes the Commissioner to charge such fees to Deposit  
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The examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER CONTROLLER HAVING ADJUSTABLE SLEW RATE LIMITER

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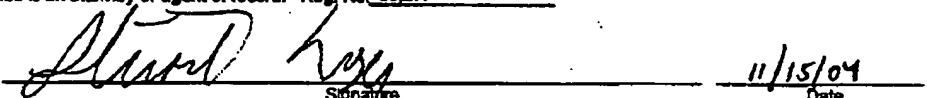
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